

OPINION 2187 (Case 3330)***Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata* Rüppell, 1845 (Aves, Passeriformes):
subspecific name not conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the name *Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata* Rüppell, 1845 (family NECTARINIIDAE) for a subspecies of African sunbird is not conserved. The name is a junior objective synonym of *Cinnyris proteus* Rüppell, 1840.

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Ruling

- (1) It is hereby ruled that the subspecific name *cruentata* Rüppell, 1845, as published in the trinomen *Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata*, is not conserved.
- (2) The name *cruentata* Rüppell, 1845, as published in the trinomen *Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata*, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology (a junior objective synonym of *Cinnyris proteus* Rüppell, 1840).

History of Case 3330

An application to conserve the subspecific name of *Nectarinia senegalensis cruentata* Rüppell, 1845 was received from F.D. Steinheimer (*Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, clo Sylter Strasse 18, 90425 Nürnberg, Germany*) on 24 August 2004. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 63: 42–45 (March 2006). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals submitted in BZN 63: 43. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 15.

Negative votes – 13.

In accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution, the proposals were resubmitted to the Commission on 1 June 2007. At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 6: Halliday, Mawatari, Ng, Papp, Patterson and Zhang.

Negative votes – 17: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Kerzhner, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Pape, Pyle, Rosenberg, Štys and van Tol.

No vote was received from Song. Minelli was on leave of absence.

Commissioners voting against the proposal favoured following priority. Several suggested that selection of a lectotype for *Cinnyris proteus* Rüppell, 1840 would provide the best solution to any remaining nomenclatural problems.

Original reference

The following is the original reference to the name placed on the Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

cruentata, *Nectarinia senegalensis*, Rüppell, 1845, *Systematische Uebersicht der Vögel Nord-Ost-Afrika's nebst Abbildungen und Beschreibungen von fünfzig theils unbekanntem, theils noch nicht bildlich dargestellten Arten*. VIII, pp. 26-27, L pls. Schmerber'sche Buchhandlung, Frankfurt am Main.